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LINWOOD, NEW JERSEY



"LYON'S PINK CLOUD"

America's Finest African Violets ...



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# African Violets

## Growing 100,000 Violets Annually!

### DOUBLES

Beautiful bouquets of long-lasting blossoms.

- ★ **LYON'S PINK CLOUD**—richly colored, giant double pink blossoms on sturdy stems—profuse bloomer and very rapid grower... "The Plant of '55" . . . supply very limited, only.....\$2.50
- ★ **REGENCY**—giant purple flowers, fully double and slightly frilled, supreme-type foliage.....\$2.50
- PANDORA**—a delicate light blue double, frilled petals .....\$2.00
- IMP. DARK BLUE DB. FRINGETTE**—double flowers slightly smaller than Regency.....\$1.50
- ALMA WRIGHT**—our lovely double white—a delicate grower .....\$1.50

### DOUBLE GENEVAS

Each petal of these double flowers has a white edge—these are hybrids between white-edged Genevas and bouquet type doubles.

- ★ **SPARKLING BURGUNDY**—a lively reddish-blue double with white edge.....\$2.50
- ★ **POWDER PUFF**—fully double flowers are medium dark blue, with white edge . . . a neat and uniform grower.....\$2.50
- EDNA FISCHER**—lovely plum shade double, white edge blending into color—foliage reddened below.....\$2.00
- SILVER LINING**—medium double blue with white edge—good summer keeper.....\$2.00

### FRINGED GENEVAS

Lovely single blossoms, white-edged and frilled . . . among our finest varieties.

- ECLIPSE**—red lavender flowers.....\$1.50
- WHITE CAPS**—blue flowers, sprightly and delicate habit .....\$1.50
- SILHOUETTE**—free blooming and vigorous dark blue, white tinted and frilled edge.....\$1.50
- ★ **LAVENDER SILHOUETTE**—a blue lavender, with all the good features of Silhouette.....\$2.00

### The Hybrid "RUFFLED GIANTS"

Giant fringed blossoms in a delightful array of new colors—wonderfully profuse flowering habit, with nice soft foliage—outstanding introductions.

- ★ **RAPTURE**—a giant red-lavender.....\$2.00
- ★ **HARMONY**—a large delicate mauve.....\$2.00
- ★ **HAPPINESS**—a light velvety purple.....\$2.00
- ★ **ATTRACTION**—a rich mauve.....\$2.00
- ★ **LOVELINESS**—an exceptional blue-lavender....\$2.00

★ New Introductions for 1955. See center spread for life size color illustrations of many varieties.

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### PASTEL FRILLS

Delicate fringed flowers—all pretty colors.

- ★ **PINK FRINGETTE**—long awaited member of our series of frilled violets, a bright and lively pink, fine flowers and dark foliage, only.....\$2.50
- BLUE REFLECTION**—a beautiful light blue.....\$1.50
- STARGLOW**—a sparkling white fringed flower \$1.50
- CHRISTMAS STAR**—striking blue center on white, fringed field.....\$1.50

### Pansy-Like Varieties

Sprightly blossoms, borne in profusion and standing erectly above attractive foliage—easy bloomers.

- FANCY FRANCES**—wonderful dark blue, girl foliage .....\$1.50
- ★ **SUNDOWNE**—bright "reddish" member of series—girl foliage.....\$1.50
- ★ **BOUNTIFUL**—heavy blooming, light lavender \$2.00

### JERSEY GIANTS

Giant flowering singles, famous for their bright colors, profusion of bloom and soft foliage.

- BLUE BEAU**—dark blue, deep green foliage..\$1.00
- BLUE BELLE**—light blue, wonderful bloomer..\$1.00
- CONFEDERATE BEAUTY**—deep velvety blue..\$1.50
- ★ **RIVIERA**—light blue, glossy foliage.....\$1.00
- SEASHELL**—light mauve, full of huge flowers..\$1.50
- ★ **MAJESTIC**—red lavender, good bloomer.....\$1.00

### NOVELTIES

Distinctly different varieties—especially for collectors.

- BLUE BUTTERCUP**—light blue cup-shaped flowers, girl foliage.....\$1.50
- ★ **TINKER BELLE**—red lavender Geneva, with the best white edge we have ever seen.....\$1.50
- BLUE CLOUDS**—large flowers, light blue mottling on white field.....\$1.50
- WHITE SURPRISE**—single, semi double and double flowers blooming together.....\$1.50

Our recommendations for people just starting to grow violets.

- BLUE BELLE**—good blue single.....\$1.00
- SILHOUETTE**—handsome blue fringed.....\$1.50
- PINK CHEER**—good single pink.....\$1.25
- SNOW PRINCE**—large flowered white.....\$1.25
- BLUE BUTTERCUP**—excellent novelty.....\$1.50
- DK. BLUE DB. FRINGETTE**—good double blue \$1.50



WHITE SURPRISE





## Plants in This Picture

1. ECLIPSE
2. SEA SHELL
3. TINKER BELLE
4. STARGLOW
5. PANDORA
6. RAPTURE
7. REGENCY
8. LYON'S PINK CLOUD
9. SILHOUETTE
10. EDNA FISCHER
11. BOUNTIFUL
12. BLUE BEAU
13. BLUE BUTTERCUP
14. CHRISTMAS STAR
15. FISCHER'S PINK FRINGETTE
16. BLUE REFLECTION IMPROVED
17. LAVENDER SILHOUETTE
18. SPARKLING BURGUNDY
19. HARMONY
20. SUNDOWNE
21. RIVIERA
22. POWDER PUFF

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# Growing Violets is Easy . . . and Fun

It's easy to grow good violets, with fine healthy leaves and plenty of blooms if you just give a little attention to some of the needs of the plant. Below we have listed some of the points that we watch closely in the greenhouse, and we feel that they are the main things that you should watch in the home.

**LIGHT**—"More light will generally bring a shy bloomer into flower". This rule of thumb holds pretty well, and we find that most people don't give their plants enough light to keep them in the top of flowering condition. Violets can stand some direct sunshine, though too much light will cause a "yellowing" or sunburn of the leaves. Try to pick the brightest window of your house, and then provide a little shade (curtain, etc.) when the sunshine becomes too intense. Many people now grow violets under fluorescent light, and "warm white" tubes seem most satisfactory. Experiment with fluorescent lighting, you'll be amazed at how well violets (and many other plants) will grow.

**HUMIDITY**—Violets like a high humidity. This is difficult to provide in most homes. Bottom watering helps, but since humidity is most always a problem, proper watering becomes especially important.

**WATER**—Keep plants fairly moist, neither excessively wet or dry. Either extreme can harm plants. If you bottom water (and this is a good method) simply add water to the container underneath the pot, but allow the saucer to dry between waterings. It is a

good idea to top water occasionally (with warm water) to redistribute the fertilizer in the pots.

**TEMPERATURE**—Violets are a tropical flower and they should have fairly warm temperatures. Try to grow them in the range of 60 to 75 degrees.

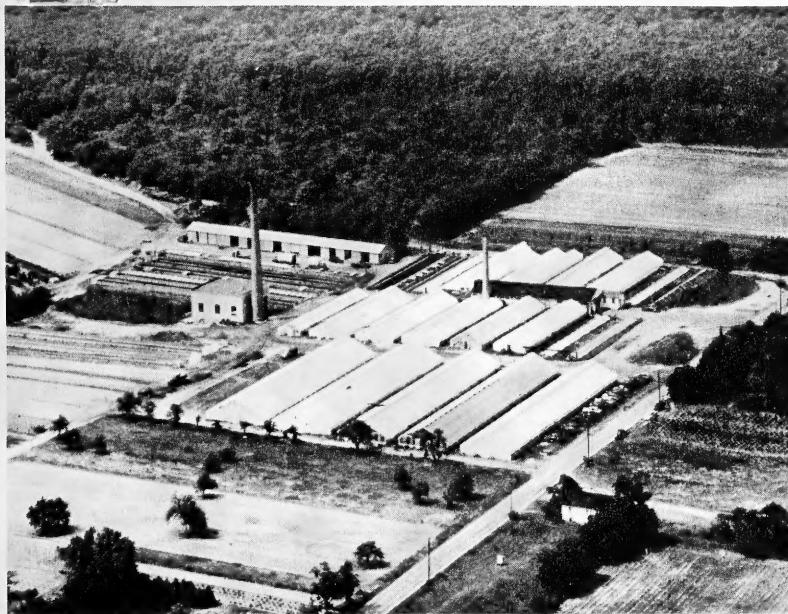
**FERTILIZERS**—Violets like a soil of medium fertility. If your plants are growing actively use a balanced feed about once a month. Soluble feeds are good, if used according to directions. It is easy to overfeed, however, and if plants look stunted and yellow, you'd better consider that the plant might be suffering from an overdose as well as a shortage of feed.

—Be sure to use a sterile soil, whether your own or purchased. You can sterilize soil by heating to 180°F for 30 minutes. A well prepared soil should have good drainage and ample organic matter.

**INSECTS AND DISEASES**—Prevention is the best cure. Make sure that your plants come from a reliable source, and you can then be pretty sure that they are healthy stock. Use sterile soil for potting. For insect control the rotenone sprays are generally good, while fermate is a good spray to control leaf and crown diseases.

If you use these rules, as guides and make your own experiments to find the best conditions for your particular home, you'll find that your violets will be healthier, more full of blooms and more fun, too.

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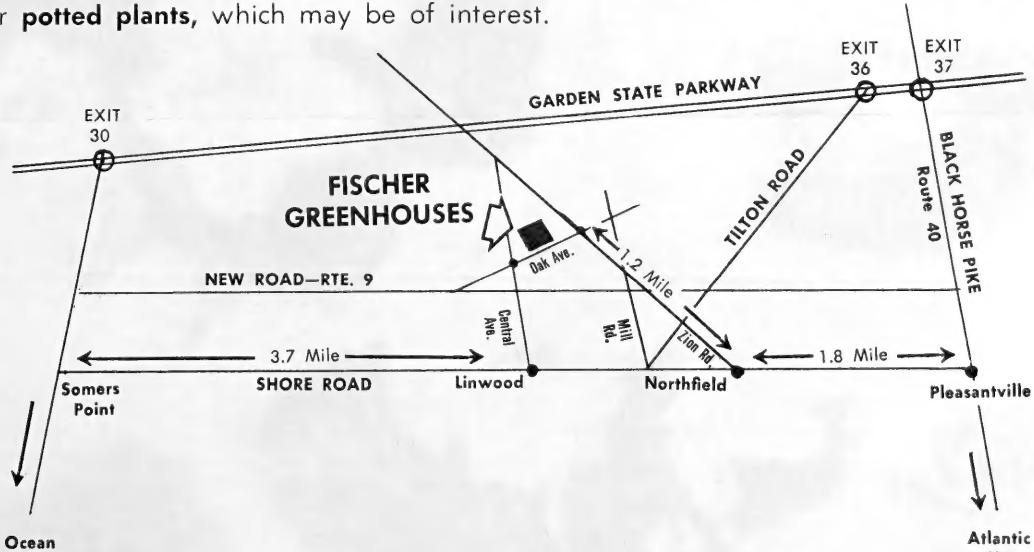
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Our greenhouses and nurseries are located in Linwood, N. J., just about 10 miles from Atlantic City. We grow over 100,000 violets annually. Our Stock includes many seedling varieties and unnamed plants that we cannot list in our catalogue.

The greenhouses are open daily, including Sunday from 8 to 5 P. M. When in Atlantic City or Southern New Jersey, plan to make a stop at our greenhouses one of your points of pleasure. Friendly and capable sales girls will be happy to show you our stock.

Plan a trip as an individual or come as a group. You will be sure to enjoy the spectacle of thousands and thousands of lovely violets.

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X	Pandora	\$2.00
	Imp. Dark Blue Double Fringette	\$1.50 (R. C. 35¢)
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X	Sundowne	\$1.50
	Bountiful	\$2.00 (R. C. 50¢)
	Blue Beau	\$1.00 (R. C. 25¢)
	Blue Belle	\$1.00 (R. C. 25¢)
	Confederate Beauty	\$1.50 (R. C. 35¢)
X	Riviera	\$1.00
	Seashell	\$1.50 (R. C. 35¢)
X	Majestic	\$1.00
	Blue Buttercup	\$1.50 (R. C. 35¢)
X	Tinker Belle	\$1.50
	Blue Clouds	\$1.50 (R. C. 35¢)
	White Surprise	\$1.50 (R. C. 35¢)
	Pink Cheer	\$1.25 (R. C. 25¢)
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